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#### POLAND CREATES MINISTRY OF MINOR INDUSTRIES AND MANUAL TRADES

The Sejm has unanimously passed the new law creating the Ministry of Minor Industries and Manual Trades. Deputy Stefanski, SD (Stronnictwo Demokratyczne, Democratic Party), of the Industrial Commission presented the bill to the Sejm. The new ministry is being created because of the increasing responsibilities, variety of organizational types, and the large variety of commodities produced by minor industries and manual crafts.

The Six-Year Plan, which anticipates a 158-percent increase in the value of industrial production, expects the minor industries to increase production by 384 percent. While the minor industries manufacture semi-finished products and spare parts for key industries, their chief function is to produce commodities not put out by the key industries, commodities that heretofore were imported, and luxury-type goods. The minor industries derive their raw materials from local resources or from waste.

The new ministry will supervise the manual trades, which are important in all types of services.

In the discussion, the following deputies supported the bill: Sadlowski (no party); Pietzakowa, ZSL (Zjednoczone Stronnictwo Ludowe, United Peasant Party); Czechowicz, SD; and Bleniek, PZPR (Polska Zjednoczona Partja Robotnicza, United Polish Workers Party).

Deputy Sadlowski, a representative of the manual trades, declared that for the first time in the history of Poland a separate ministry will be set up to protect the manual trades. The action indicates the importance of manual trades in the state economy and in the Six-Year Plan. Whereas the prewar manual trades had to compete against capitalist industries, planned economy offers the manual trades ample opportunity to develop, especially in fields requiring high individual skills.

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